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1. APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF GOMR CENSORSHIP CONTROLS, WE NO LONGER RECEIVING PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE, TIME, NEWSWEEK OR OTHER NON-MALAGASY PUBLICATIONS. LAST COPY HERALD TRIBUNE WAS FEB 21, TWO WEEKS AGO.

2. SINCE NIGHTLY CURFEW, NOW IN EFFECT FOR ALMOST MONTH AND LIKELY CONTINUE, HAVING ADVERSE EFFECTS ON EMBASSY MORALE BECAUSE OF LACK OF THINGS TO DO, AND WE VIRTUALLY CUT OFF FROM NEWS OF OUTSIDE WORLD, I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD ARRANGE WITH HERALD TRIBUNE TO HAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS (3 FOR EMBASSY, 2 FOR USIS, 1 FOR DATT) DIVERTED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE TO EMBASSY PARIS AND PLACED BY YOUR EMBASSY IN WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS REGULAR WEEKLY UNACCOMPANIED POUCH TO US. YOUR PPO PLACED EMBASSY SUBSCRIPTIONS PURSUANT OUR OM NOV 15, 1974, AND MAY HAVE FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA IF NEEDED WITH HERALD TRIBUNE.

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3. I AM TOLD RECENT ARTICLE IN LE MONDE ANALYZING

RATSIMANDRAVA ASSASSINATION PUT FORTH AS ONE POSSIBLE SCENARIO THAT RATSIMANDRAVA HAD BLACKMAILED RAMANANTSOA INTO TURNING OVER POWERS AS HEAD OF STATE TO HIM BY SHOWING HIM DOSSIERS IMPLICATING RAMANANTSOA AND/OR ENTOURAGE WITH OPPOSITION SOCIALIST PARTY. IMPLICATION IS THAT RAMANANTSOA OR ENTOURAGE THEN ARRANGED ASSASSINATION BY ELEMENTS FROM REBLE POLICE UNIT. IF YOUR EMBASSY CAN TURN UP THIS ARTICLE, WOULD APPRECIATE COPY.

4. IF IT RESEMBLES LURID ACCOUNT ABOVE, LITTLE WONDER GOMR HAS CLAMPED DOWN ON ENTRY FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS.

5. REGARDS AND THANKS.
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